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TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL STUTTGART

AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ESTC, GW

SUBJECT: I.B.M.

1. WASHINGTON POST JAN. 16 WITH BONN BYLINE DATED JAN 15  
FROM REPORTER JOHN M. GOSKO REPORTS NINE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS  
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF STEALING SECRET COMPUTER  
TECHNOLOGY FROM IBM WHICH THEY DELIVERED TO "AN EASTERN SECRET  
SERVICE" REPORTEDLY THE SOVIET KGB. SPOKESMAN FOR IBM IN  
STUGGART REPORTEDLY ISSUED  
BRIEF STATEMENT INCLUDING CONFIRMATION THAT ONE IBM EMPLOYEE  
WAS ARRESTED. SIEGFRIED BUBACK, FEDERAL PROSECUTOR IS  
QUOTED FROM KARLSRUHE AS SAYING INVESTIGATION BEGAN  
DECEMBER 22 AND INVOLVES INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN  
STUTTGART, DUSSELDORF, SOLIHGEN AND KREFELD.

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2. NEW YORK TIMES JAN 16 CARRIES SIMILAR ARTICLE; ADDS THAT

SUSPECTS MAY HAVE RECEIVED DOLS 108,000 AND POSSIBLY MORE.  
WALL STREET JOURNAL JAN 16 WITH KARLSRUHE BYLINE BY AP ADDS  
THAT ERWIN FISHER, FEDERAL ATTORNEY, REPORTEDLY STATED NINE  
SUSPECTS WERE IN PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT AND TOTAL OF  
12 SUSPECTS MAY BE INVOLVED. FISHER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT  
OPERATION BEGAN IN EARLY 1973; CHARGES SAID TO INCLUDE ESPION-  
AGE ACTIVITIES, THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, BRIBERY, CONTRAVENING  
EMBARGO REGULATIONS, UNFAIR COMPETITION, AND TAX  
EVASION.

ACTION REQUESTED BONN, DUSSELDORF, STUTTGART

3. CASE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO COMMERCE,  
PARTICULARLY IN EXPORT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM. REQUEST ACTION  
POSTS COORDINATE ENDEAVORS. OBTAIN IDENTITY, NATIONALITY OF  
ALL SUSPECTS AND OTHER DETAILS ON TRANSACTIONS ON GOVERNMENT  
TO GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. ARE STUTTGART'S A-63, 5/29/74 (COPIES BONN) AND A-139  
11/8/74 (COPIED BONN, FRANKFURT) GERMANE TO SUBJECT  
INVESTIGATION? KISSINGER

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